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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 8, cancel claims 15-29 such that the status of the claims is as follows:

1.(Currently Amended) A method of guest-selected recording of television programs in an entertainment system at a lodging facility having a head end and a plurality of guest terminals in a plurality of guest rooms connected by a distribution system, the method comprising:

creating, at the head end in the lodging facility, a schedule containing both (a) television programs available for viewing and recording and (b) previously recorded television programs available for time-shifted viewing;

transmitting, from the head end in the lodging facility to a guest terminal in a guest room in a lodging facility, television signals representing the schedule created;

transmitting, from the guest terminal to the head end, program recording selection data representing a program selected by a guest for recording;

creating, at the head end, a digital file representing the program selected;

storing, at the head end, the digital file;

updating, at the head end, the schedule of television programs to include the program corresponding to the digital file;

transmitting the schedule as updated in the form of television signals, from the head end to the guest terminal in a guest room;

transmitting, from the guest terminal to the head end, data requesting playback of the program selected for recording based upon a selection of that program from the schedule as updated;

playing back, at the head end, the program selected based upon the digital file representing the program selected; and

transmitting the program being played back to the guest terminal; and

displaying the program at the guest terminal.

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- 2.(Original) The method of claim 1 wherein creating a digital file comprises:
tuning to a channel on which the program selected is carried; and
encoding the program into a digital format to create the digital file.
- 3.(Original) The method of claim 1 and further comprising:
creating a recording schedule based upon program recording selection data received.
- 4.(Original) The method of claim 3 wherein creating a digital file is based upon the recording schedule.
- 5.(Original) The method of claim 1 and further comprising:
associating with the digital file an identification of the guest terminal that provided
the program recording selection data.
- 6.(Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the schedule of television programs is an interactive program guide.
- 7.(Original) The method of claim 6 wherein the program recording selection data is produced based upon a selection made on the interactive program guide.
- 8.(Currently Amended) A method of guest-selected recording of television programs in an entertainment system having a head end and a plurality of guest terminals connected by a distribution system, the method comprising:
transmitting, from a head end in a lodging facility to a guest terminal in the guest room in [a] the lodging facility, television signals representing a program schedule containing both (a) available scheduled television programming and
(b) previously recorded programs available for time-shifted viewing;

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receiving, from the guest terminal, program selection data representing a scheduled program selected for recording;
digitally storing the program selected, at the head end, when it is broadcast;
updating the program schedule, at the head end, to include the program selected for recording as one of the previously recorded programs;
receiving at the head end, from the guest terminal, playback request data based on the previously recorded programs contained in the program schedule as updated;
converting at the head end, in response to the playback request data, the digitally stored program to television signals; ~~and~~
transmitting the television signals from the head end to the guest terminal; and displaying the television signal at the guest terminal.

9.(Original) The method of claim 8 wherein digitally storing the program file comprises:
tuning to a channel on which the program selected is carried; and
encoding the program into a digital format to create a digital file.

10.(Original) The method of claim 9 and further comprising:
associating with the digital file an identification of the guest terminal that provided the program recording selection data.

11.(Original) The method of claim 8 and further comprising:
creating a recording schedule based upon program recording selection data received.

12.(Original) The method of claim 11 wherein digitally storing the program is based upon the recording schedule.

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13.(Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 wherein the program schedule is an interactive program guide.

14.(Original) The method of claim 13 wherein the program selection data is produced based upon a selection made on the interactive program guide.

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